Protection Order Committee Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes

March 26, 2010

The Protection Order Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, February 26, 2010 from 12:00 noon – 3:35 p.m.

- 1. <u>Members present.</u> David Bonfiglio, Therese M. Brown, David J. Certo, Stephen D. Clase, Katherine J. Garza, John D. Kitch, Ronald T. Urdal and Christopher A. Newton, Chair.
- 2. <u>Staff present.</u> Jeffrey Bercovitz and Tom Jones provided the committee with staff assistance.
- 3. <u>Guests</u>. James Walker, Director, Trial Court Management, Division of State Court Administration; Mary DePrez, Director and Counsel for Trial Court Technology and LeJuan Epperson; Associate Project Manager, Division of State Court Administration
- 4. <u>Minutes approved.</u> The minutes for the meeting on February 26, 2010 were approved.
- 5. Protection Order Deskbook.
 - a. Committee members reviewed and revised chapters 8, 9, and 10 of the Protection Order Deskbook. Jeffrey Bercovitz agreed to draft an explanatory note in protective orders not part of the deskbook. They agreed to continue their review at the next meeting.
 - b. Members of the committee reviewed a new form for a modification of a WVRO.
 - c. Committee members reviewed a new No Contact Order form as a condition of bail when no hearing, based on HB 1234.
- 6. <u>Certificate of service</u>. Committee members discuss with James Walker the practice in most counties of Clerks distributing documents to parties in most instances when litigation concerning protection orders occurred. A certificate of service was not used by the mostly pro se litigants.
- 7. <u>Confidential form.</u> Jeffrey Bercovitz reviewed the revised Confidential Form, PO-0104, with committee members. They suggested various revisions.

8. JTAC

- a. LeJuan Epperson reported 78 counties have "advocate access" for the protection order registry.
- b. Mary DePrez reported an amended portion of a INCHIP grant is being used to have the POR translate the protection order petition and registry into Spanish and to build an interface between Odyssey and the POR. She also reported working an interface between Odyssey and Software Unlimited.

9. <u>Future meeting dates</u>. Committee members agreed to schedule the following meetings:

Friday, June 25, 2010 12:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m. Indiana Judicial Center Friday, August 27, 2010 12:00 Noon -3:30 p.m. Indiana Judicial Center Friday, October 29, 2010 12:00 Noon -3:30 p.m. Indiana Judicial Center

Respectfully submitted,

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